

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to make editorial changes therein.

Claims 2-5, 7, and 10 have been canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification and drawings based on claims 7 and 10 are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment is found, for example, on page 6, lines 1-11.

The comments regarding the IDS are noted. However, it is also noted that the only reference mentioned in the specification, GB 2323024, is listed on the PTO-892 and therefore considered.

Claims 1, 6, 10, and 15-16 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-4, 8-11, and 13-14 in application S.N. 11/362,108. It is believed that the present amendment clearly separates the invention claimed herein from the invention claimed in S.N. 11/362,108 and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested. For example, and in contrast to the cited application, claim 1 herein provides that the holder includes an inverted channel in which the mop material is held, and an elongate recess which extends along a major portion of the longitudinal extent of the channel, where the cleaning implement is receivable in the recess.

Claims 1 and 6-7 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3 in application S.N. 10/463,262. That application has been abandoned and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 8 was rejected under §112, second paragraph, and has been amended as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6-11, 14-15, and 20 were rejected as anticipated by YOUNG US2004/0255417. As best understood, YOUNG does not disclose that the holder includes an inverted channel in which the mop material is held, and an elongate recess which extends along a major portion of the longitudinal extent of the channel, where the cleaning implement is receivable in the recess. By contrast, YOUNG appears to use hooks 17 to hold the sheet 12 on which abrasive pads 13 and 14 are mounted. There does not appear to be an elongate recess that extends along a major portion of the inverted channel. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6-14, 16, and 20 were rejected as anticipated by HOFTE et al. US2005/0011536. As best understood, HOFTE et al. do not disclose that the holder includes an inverted channel in which the mop material is held, and an elongate recess which extends along a major portion of the longitudinal extent of the channel, where the cleaning implement is receivable in the

recess. By contrast, HOFTE et al. appear to use a grip 120 to hold the removable cleaning tool 20. There does not appear to be an elongate recess that extends along a major portion of the inverted channel. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 8-9, 11-14, 16-17, and 20 were rejected as anticipated by LAUX et al. 6,336,240. As best understood, LAUX et al. do not disclose that the holder includes an inverted channel in which the mop material is held, and an elongate recess which extends along a major portion of the longitudinal extent of the channel, where the cleaning implement is receivable in the recess. By contrast, LAUX et al. appear to use legs 70, 72 and slots 74, 76 to hold the auxiliary member 48. There does not appear to be an elongate recess that extends along a major portion of the inverted channel. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 8-9, 11-14, 16-17, and 20 were rejected as anticipated by LEWIS 6,178,581. As best understood, LEWIS does not disclose that the holder includes an inverted channel in which the mop material is held, and an elongate recess which extends along a major portion of the longitudinal extent of the channel, where the cleaning implement is receivable in the recess. By contrast, LEWIS appears to use detent tabs 40 and notch 48 to hold the scrubber adapter 10. There does not appear to be an elongate recess that extends along a major portion of

the inverted channel. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

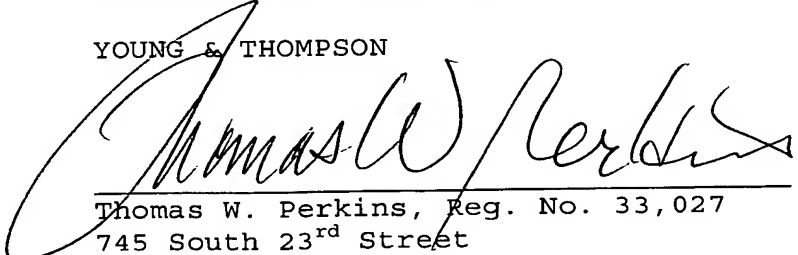
Claims 18-19 were rejected as unpatentable over YOUNG in view of MORAD et al. 6,115,877. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested for the reasons given above. MORAD et al. do not make up for the shortcomings of YOUNG noted above.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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